TO: Wildcat Community

FROM: The Associated Students of CWU Board of Directors

RE: Statement on Anti-Asian Violence

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic the Asian American Pacific Islander community has seen a large increase in discrimination, violence, and xenophobic rhetoric. Most recently the murders of Christian Hall, Angelo Quinto, Vicha Ratanapakdee and more have truly highlighted the Anti-Asian narrative being spread throughout the world. The current 2020-2021 ASCWU Board of Directors condemns hate and discrimination against the AAPI community and are calling for CWU faculty, staff, and administration to stand alongside with us.

As a reminder, it is not the job for folx from the AAPI community or from other historically marginalized communities to educate you on what they are currently facing or experiencing. Educate yourself, do your own research, and look at ways you can support various movements advocating to stop hate against the AAPI community.

ASCWU is currently lobbying to pass statewide legislation that implements mandatory diversity, equity, and inclusion training for all faculty and staff and advocating for the construction of the CWU Center for Cultural Innovation as a safe space for historically marginalized communities. We also encourage you all to report any acts of discrimination, racism, or xenophobia on-campus or in the community through the CWU Incident Reporting Form. The following resources are also available to all of you wherever you currently are:

- The Diversity and Equity Center welcomes any conversation and are available to offer support alongside additional resources and can be reached at diversity@cwu.edu.
- Student Counseling Services are offering Teletherapy services through phone or secure video chat. Call (509)963-1391 to schedule an appointment or to receive more information.
- The Equity & Services Council (ESC) is comprised of 8 student organizations that create safe spaces for specific historically marginalized communities but also welcome allies to listen and learn. Find more information about how to get involved with ESC organization here: https://cwu.presence.io/

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